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MOL celebrates 50th anniversary

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On Sept, 7, MOL Flag Football celebrated its 50th Anniversary at Joaquin Moraga Middle School. What started out half a century ago as a simple idea for about a 70 local kids to play flag football together in the Fall, has grown into one of the country's largest not-for-profit, community-run, flag football programs with nearly 700 players this season. To help kick off the 50th season, MOL invited the League's original organizers, coaches, community leaders, players and key historic figures to come back and perform the coin toss for each of Saturday's games as well as join in activities with current players and coaches. MOL was honored that the League's founders (or their family's representatives) were all present for the celebration.

Front row, from left: Carl Bergez (representing League Honoree Doug Bergez), Brad Piatt, M.D., Dave Flett, George Oldenbourg, Bill Buehler, Bruce Burns, Steve Clark; back row: Mel Gilmour, Ted Haugner, Greg Young, Joe Cushing, Mike Sebree (current commissioner), Phil Estes, Yank Eppinger, Bill Fraser, Doug Pearson; not pictured: Greg and Hasmig Vasgerdsian representing Vic Vasgerdsian, Andy Eppinger, Tyler Petite and Drew Bennett, who were also present at the celebration.

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